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EXTINGUISHING APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to an Action on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 19 and 20 as follows:

19. (New) A method for detecting a location of a fire within a predetermined area, said method comprising the acts of:

- (a) monitoring infrared energy within the predetermined area;
- (b) filtering out the infrared energy not within a predetermined frequency range to produce filtered energy signals;
- (c) determining existence of a fire within the predetermined area based on the filtered energy signals; and
- (d) determining a location of the fire within the predetermined area when said determining (c) determines the existence of the fire.

20. (New) A method as recited in claim 19, wherein said determining (d) of the location of the fire is performed using the filtered energy signals.

REMARKS

Claims 19 and 20 are added to the application. Claims 1-18 from the original Patent 5,548,276 have been presented in U.S. Reissue Patent RE37,493. Thus, claim 19-20 are pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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